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MONITORING PROGRESS AGAINST THE RECOMMENDATIONS LAID OUT IN THE SADEV REPORT

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Monitoring progress against the recommendations laid out in the SADEV report

Context

The recent SADEV report on joint evaluation programming identified specific challenges for participation in joint evaluations faced by DAC members and drafted a set of recommendations. The report was discussed within the Task Team on New Context for Evaluation in September 2008 and an agreement was reached on seven high priority recommendations which were aimed at i) facilitating participation in joint evaluations and ii) increasing the partner country participation and ownership in joint evaluations. Those two objectives are in line with the commitments and targets agreed in Paris and Accra, namely the harmonization of donors actions and the ownership by partner countries. In November 2008 the DAC evaluation network members endorsed the recommendations and agreed to have a further reflection on these by developing a monitoring and evaluation framework.

The present draft monitoring framework identifies specific indicators which could be used to evaluate the state of efforts and to measure the progress against the recommendations laid out in the SADEV report. It is based on discussion during the recent Task Team meeting in Copenhagen, in April 2009. Agreeing on a common monitoring and evaluation framework would provide a powerful incentive and a significant next step towards an increased reliance on joint evaluation among DAC donors. The framework should help generate a common sense on action needed to advance the joint evaluation agenda.

Table 1

Recommendations formulated in the SADEV report are directed collectively to the DAC Evaluation Network, but also imply individual action by members and the DAC Secretariat. Table 1 is a preliminary proposal on indicators which would be used to measure the progress made in the implementation of the SADEV recommendations by the DAC Evaluation Network members.

Two recommendations from the SADEV report (no. 3 and 5) which encourage the Network to consider the development of a “global market place” and to establish a short-list with possible joint evaluation topics are not included in the table as the Network has not yet discussed possible approaches on how to implement these recommendations and it was found difficult to develop quantitative indicators based on the recommendations as they are formulated in the report. Both these topics will be further discussed at the next Network meeting.

Baseline information will be collected from donors later in the year with the help of the Secretariat and compiled by Benoît Chervalier (France), the Network Vice-Chair. Data from the SADEV report will be used where possible.

Proposals

Once the monitoring framework is accepted by all the DAC Evaluation Network members, it may be reasonable to agree on future targets (2010-11) which should encourage improvements in the DAC members’ performance.

TABLE 1: MONITORING PROGRESS AGAINST THE RECOMMENDATIONS SET OUT IN THE SADEV REPORT

Facilitating participation in joint evaluation						
Objectives		Indicators		Data source	Baseline 2007-09	Target 2010-11 (to be defined)
1	Include joint evaluations ¹ clearly in the internal evaluation policy and actual evaluation work	1.1	% of DAC evaluation network members (agencies) who have introduced joint evaluations to their evaluation policy			
		1.2	% of joint evaluations undertaken per year by DAC evaluation network members			
		1.3	% of joint evaluations undertaken with partner country per year by DAC evaluation network members?			
2	Share (multi) annual evaluation plans	2.1	% of DAC evaluation network members who send their evaluation plans to the DAC Secretariat on a regular basis (annually or when revised)			
4	Ensure joint policies and programmes are evaluated jointly	4.1	% of joint programmes/projects which have been evaluated jointly (measure: JAS, GBS, Global and Regional Programmes and SWAPs irrespective of whether evaluations are done centrally or at decentralized levels)			
Increasing partner country participation and ownership						
Objectives		Indicators		Data source	Baseline 2007-09	Target 2010-11 (to be defined)
6	Establish a common capacity building programme in evaluation	6.1	% of DAC evaluation network members who have established at least one evaluation capacity development programme with partner countries			
7	Involve the partner country at an early stage	7.1	% of joint evaluations in which partner country has been involved in elaborating the ToR			
		7.2	% of joint evaluations where partner country participate in steering (or management?) committee ²			

¹ **Definition of joint evaluations from the DAC evaluation glossary:** An evaluation to which different donors and/or partners participate.

² All donors represented by their evaluation unit, as well as the partner country are part of **the evaluation's steering committee**. From the steering committee, a smaller sub group (4 at maximum) is formed as the **evaluation's Management Group**, including the lead management donor(s).